



Beaver County Emergency Services

Quarterly Newsletter - Volume 5, Issue 1

CH CH CHA CHANGES...

WINTER, 2009-2010

- New Building Ribbon Cutting & Open House
- New Address & Phone No. Changes
- Old Building Christmas Party
- EMS Updates
- News & Notes
- Water Sector Training & Tabletop
- Events Calendar



The staff of Beaver County Emergency Services held the ribbon cutting ceremony & open house for their new center in Ambridge Borough on Monday, December 7, 2009. Clock-wise from top left: Ambridge High School Jr. ROTC members raised the flags at the new building. The ribbon was cut by (l to r) Ambridge Borough Council President Gerald McCoy, Donn Wuycik of the Beaver County Economic Development Authority, ESC Director Wesley Hill, Commissioner Charles Camp, Chairman Commissioner Tony Amadio, ESC Deputy Director Kevin Joy, Commissioner Joe Spanik, and Bill West & Pat Nardelli of Castlebrook Development. ESC Clerk Brenda Morris, with Supervisor Randy Dawson, greeted the public from Brenda's new reception area. Hundreds of visitors stopped by to get a first hand look at the new 9-1-1 center, with dispatchers showing off the center's new equipment and state of the art public safety technology.

Photos courtesy of Eric Brewer

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

~EFFECTIVE DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED~

THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS WILL REMAIN IN PLACE:

Administrative Office Lines

(724) 775-1700
(724) 728-2421
(724) 774-1049

Non-emergency numbers into the 9-1-1 center for Police, Fire, and EMS

(724) 775-0880
(724) 775-0881
(724) 775-0882
(724) 775-0883
(724) 775-0884
(724) 843-3421
(724) 869-2813
(724) 773-3100

THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS WILL BE DISCONNECTED:

(724) 773-3109
(724) 773-3110
(724) 773-3111
(724) 728-2450
(724) 728-2451
(724) 773-3104
(724) 773-3102
(724) 773-3103

Our new address is: **351 14th Street**
Ambridge PA, 15003

Our new administrative fax number is: **724-266-0210**

LAST PARTY IN THE TRAIN STATION

Emergency Services staff held their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 18th. This was the last party in the old center, and the former train station was packed with county employees, volunteers, and friends from outside agencies who stopped in with their families to celebrate the season with ESC staff.

Even Santa Claus flew in from the North Pole to say "Ho Ho Ho" to the kids and goodbye to the old building... Special thanks to J&J Catering and Dispatcher Ben Rader for making the event such a success! See you next year in Ambridge, Santa!



VICTOR SPINELLI,
SANTA'S FAVORITE
'LIL REINDEER!



RYAN & BRANDON DAWSON AWAIT
SANTA'S ARRIVAL



EMMA & ADAM VISIT WITH SANTA. WHILE
THEIR DAD, DISPATCHER KEVIN WHIPPLE
SNAPS A PICTURE.



EMPTY SHELVES AND HALF PACKED BOXES INTERMIXED
WITH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HAVE BEEN A COMMON
SITE FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS AS STAFF PREPARE FOR THE
UPCOMING MOVE FROM BEAVER TO AMBRIDGE.

EMS UPDATES



By Eric Brewer

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Since we last talked, there has been progress for EMS in the commonwealth. Act 37, the EMS act revision was approved and is in the process of being enacted. Check the pehsc.org website for dates when different parts of the act will take place and how this may affect you as a provider or EMS service.

Also since the last issue, the County's Toolcat was fitted with a stretcher mount to carry a stretcher and an attendant. This piece of equipment has been used at least 5 times since it was put into service a few months ago, making it worth the money that was spent.

EMSI has recently moved to their new location at 1002 Church Hill Road in Robinson Township. The new facility offers a large classroom/meeting room in addition to the offices of EMSI. They are also in the process of updating their website to make searching easier. Also the annual EMS Update 2010 will be March 24th through March 27th, further information will be available on EMSI's website.

Beaver County's EMS and QRS services had \$26,102 to divide between 3 ambulance services and 3 QRS services via the state EMSOF program. EMSOF money can go toward the purchase of approved equipment and vehicles on a 50/50 match.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the swine flu. In the coming weeks, Beaver and Butler Counties will be joining the PA Department of Health to coordinate a swine flu vaccination clinic. This clinic will be for the general public and will be one of 30 across the state. However, this clinic will be the only drive through clinic in the state, it is tentatively scheduled for early January at the Manheim Auto Auction in Cranberry. The clinic will be a model because it is the first of its kind and will be looked at across the country. Look for further announcements regarding this clinic as dates and times are finalized.

NEWS & NOTES

- The 9-1-1 center has welcomed **two new Emergency Planners, Jessica Davis and David Linkimer**. They are working in conjunction with Bill Mahan on Radiological Emergency Planning and will be joined by **Ed Barth** in January who is returning on a part time basis in preparation for the upcoming **BVPS radiological exercise scheduled for April 20, 2010**.
- The Beaver County LEPC (**Local Emergency Planning Committee**) and the Beaver County VOAD (**Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster**) will meet on the following dates in 2010: **February 9, May 11, August 10, and November 9**. VOAD will meet at 1 PM, and the LEPC will meet at 2:30 PM on the above dates with the exception of November 9. On the 9th, VOAD will meet at 11 AM and the LEPC will meet at 1 PM, with lunch for both groups at noon. All meetings will be held at the Emergency Services Center in Ambridge.
- Beaver County's **CART (County Animal Response Team)** is still looking for members and volunteers. Please contact Debbie Miketa at 724-775-1700 for more information.
- **ICS 300 & 400 classes** are being offered on Saturdays in January & February (ICS 300 Jan .16, 23, 30 & ICS 400 Feb 13 and 20, all from 8 AM - 5 PM at the Allegheny County Airport Authority Training Facility at 1000 Harper Road in Imperial). These courses are being offered through the Community College of Allegheny County, and registration is through the Allegheny County Fire Academy at <http://www.alleghenycounty.us/emerserv/fireacad/regform.pdf>



DAVID LINKIMER & JESSICA DAVIS ARE ALSO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF BEAVER COUNTY'S HAZMAT TEAM 700.



**Water Sector Incident Command System (ICS) &
National Incident Management System (NIMS)
Refresher Training and County-Level Tabletop Exercise**

Beaver County Emergency Services
351 14th Street, Ambridge, PA 15009

Thursday, February 11, 2010

Training 8 AM to Noon

Table Top Exercise 1:30 PM

Background: The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), with financial support from U.S. EPA Region 3, will host a series of county-level emergency preparedness trainings for the water sector. The training and tabletop exercise will bring together local drinking water and wastewater service providers and other emergency responders to provide response training, enhance coordination and communication between all responders, improve understanding of emergency roles and responsibilities, and allow participants to discuss steps to be taken now to better prepare for a future water sector-specific incident.



The Training: This 1-day training will consist of a half day of ICS and NIMS refresher training, followed by a facilitated tabletop exercise. The morning will consist of a review of the key elements of the ICS and the five components comprising the NIMS. During the second half of the day, participants will have the opportunity to discuss plans, policies and procedures and to evaluate the systems needed to guide the prevention of, response to and recovery from a hypothetical scenario. The tabletop exercise is designed to foster discussion among response partners from the local, county and state levels. The overarching goal of the training is to foster a better understanding of the roles, responsibilities and capabilities of the partner agencies/organizations that would respond to an incident involving the water sector.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs): DEP has approved 6 contact hours for water and wastewater operators for this 1-day training.

Look for further registration information for this training & tabletop by mail & email in the next few weeks.

To be added to Beaver County Emergency Services' email distribution list, please contact Sky at 724-775-1700 or smu@beavercountypa.gov.

For additional information and/or to schedule training in your county contact:

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DECEMBER 2009

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- **3rd:** Small Animal CART Mtg, 6:30 PM, Brodhead Animal Clinic
- **7th:** Emergency Services Ribbon Cutting & Open House, 2:30 PM
- **9th:** Firefighters Association Mtg, 7 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **12th:** Hanukkah begins
- **16th:** Chiefs of Police Mtg, Noon, Jeffries Landing
- **17th:** Hazmat Refresher Training for Law Enforcement, 1 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **18th:** Emergency Services Christmas Party, Noon - 4 pm
- **20th:** United Valley REACT, 6 pm
- **21st:** First day of Winter
- **25th:** Christmas, County offices closed through Dec. 28th
- **26th:** Kwanzaa begins

- **1st:** New Year's Day, County offices closed
- **6th:** Hazmat Team 700 Training, 6:30 pm, Garage
- **12th:** CART Mtg, 6:30 PM, Brodhead Animal Clinic
- **13th:** Firefighters Association Mtg, 7 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **18th:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, County offices closed
- **20th:** Chiefs of Police Mtg, Noon, Jeffries Landing
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- **9th:** VOAD Mtg, 1 pm
- **9th:** LEPC Mtg, 2:30 pm
- **10th:** Firefighters Association Mtg, 7 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **11th:** Water Sector ICS/NIMS Refresher & Table Top Exercise
- **11th:** Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association Mtg, 7:30 pm
- **15th:** President's Day, County offices closed
- **17th:** Chiefs of Police Mtg, Noon, Jeffries Landing
- **17th:** Hazmat Team 700 Training, 6:30 pm, Garage
- **24th - 25th:** PEMA Quarterly Training, Location TBD

ALL EVENTS ARE LOCATED AT THE BEAVER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



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The BCESC is a division of Beaver County government, under the authority of the Beaver County Board of Commissioners. The BCESC manages the county's 9-1-1 dispatch operations center and also serves as the county's Emergency Management office, working under the direction of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) on emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. The BCESC is also the home of the county's Hazmat Team 700, the Public Safety Commission, the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC), and is the contact point for many other public safety organizations, including EMS, Fire, Police, and Municipal EMA services.

The BCESC works in conjunction with a number of county and offsite agencies to provide comprehensive public safety guidance and emergency support to the residents and businesses of Beaver County.

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